

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method for generating an album based on album data including at least one image data set, which has been photographed using a digital camera during a trip and which has location data representing a photography location attached thereto, comprising the steps of:

loading the image data into a personal computer;

displaying together, on a display screen, both map data indicating a travel route and thumbnail images in a chronological order;

forwarding image data from a user terminal of said personal computer to a generation support server, a user at the user terminal being identified by a user ID, where a predetermined reference position corresponds to said user ID, the generation support server performing the steps of:

calculating said distance between the photography location of the image data set and a predetermined reference position, based on the location data;

judging whether the distance is over a predetermined threshold value;

classifying the image data set as one of a vacation album or specific theme album according to the result of judgment;

obtaining, from a storage device and a map database, additional data associated with the classification made for the image data set, the additional data including third party images, spot data that provides descriptions of areas of interest associated with the photography location and audio data associated with the photography location; and

generating the album data according to the result of classification and the image data set and the additional data.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) ~~A method~~The method for generating an album as defined in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

generating travel route data, which represents a route taken during the trip, based on the location data attached to the at least one image data set for which the distance is over the predetermined threshold value;

obtaining a map data set that contains the route from a map database which stores a plurality of map data sets, based on the travel route data;

generating photography data which represents that the image data set was obtained at the photography location along the route;

attaching the photography data to the map data set; and

generating album data including the map data set, in which the photography data is correlated with the image data set.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) ~~A method~~The method for generating an album as defined in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

obtaining related data, which is related to the photography location of the at least one image data set for which the distance is over the predetermined threshold value, based on the location data attached thereto, from a related data storage means which stores a plurality of related data sets; and

generating album data, which includes the related data.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) ~~A method~~The method for generating an album as defined in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

obtaining related data, which is related to the photography location of the at least one image data set for which the distance is over the predetermined threshold value, based on the location data attached thereto, from a related data storage means which stores a plurality of related data sets; and

generating album data, which includes the related data.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) ~~A method~~The method for generating an album as defined in claim 1, wherein:

album data is generated according to predetermined themes, for the at least one image data set for which the distance is less than or equal to the predetermined threshold value.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) An album generating apparatus that generates album data including at least one image data set, which has been photographed using a digital camera during a trip and which has location data representing a photography location attached thereto, comprising:

~~loading a computer into which~~ the image data ~~into a personal computer is loaded;~~

~~displaying together, on a display screen~~ a display screen on which is displayed together, both map data indicating a travel route and thumbnail images in a chronological order;

~~forwarding a user terminal and a generation support server, where image data is forwarded from a user~~ the user terminal of said personal computer ~~to~~ at the generation support server, a user at the user terminal being identified by a user ID, where a predetermined preference position corresponds to said user ID, the generation support server including:

a distance calculating ~~means for calculating~~ device that calculates a distance between the photography location of the image data set and said predetermined reference position, based on the location data;

judgment ~~means for judging~~ device that judges whether the distance is over a predetermined threshold value;

classification ~~means for classifying~~ device that classifies the image data set as one of a vacation album or specific theme album according to the result of judgment;

obtaining ~~means for obtaining~~device that obtains, from a storage device and a map database, additional data associated with the classification made for the image data set, the additional data including third party images, spot data that provides descriptions of areas of interest associated with the photography location and audio data associated with the photography location; and

album data generating ~~means for generating~~device that generates the album data according to the result of classification and the image data set and the additional data.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) ~~An album~~The album generating apparatus as defined in claim 6, further comprising:

travel route data generating ~~means for generating~~devices that generates travel route data, which represents a route taken during the trip, based on the location data attached to the at least one image data set for which the distance is over the predetermined threshold value;

map data set obtaining ~~means for obtaining~~device that obtains a map data set that contains the route from a map database which stores a plurality of map data sets, based on the travel route data;

photography data generating ~~means for generating~~device that generates photography data which represents that the image data set was obtained at the photography location along the route; and

photography data attaching ~~means for attaching~~device that attaches the photography data to the map data set; wherein

the album data generating ~~means~~device generates album data including the map data set, in which the photography data is correlated with the image data set.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) ~~An album~~The album generating apparatus as defined in claim 6, further comprising:

related data obtaining ~~means for obtaining~~device that obtains related data, which is related to the photography location of the at least one image data set for which the distance is over the predetermined threshold value, based on the location data attached thereto, from a related data storage means which stores a plurality of related data sets; wherein

the album data generating ~~means~~device generates album data, which includes the related data.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) ~~An album~~The album generating apparatus as defined in claim 7, further comprising:

related data obtaining ~~means for obtaining~~device that obtains related data, which is related to the photography location of the at least one image data set for which the distance is over the predetermined threshold value, based on the location data attached thereto, from a related data storage means which stores a plurality of related data sets; wherein

the album data generating ~~means~~device generates album data, which includes the related data.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) ~~An album~~The album generating apparatus as defined in claim 6, wherein:

the album data generating ~~means~~device generates album data according to predetermined themes, for the at least one image data set for which the distance is less than or equal to the predetermined threshold value.

Claims 11-15. (Canceled)

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing thereon ~~a program that causes a computer to execute~~computer executable instructions for performing a method for generating an album based on album data including at least one image data set, which has been photographed by a digital camera during a trip and which has location data representing a photography location attached thereto, the program comprising the procedures of:

loading the image data into a personal computer;

displaying together, on a display screen, both map data indicating a travel route and thumbnail images in a chronological order;

obtaining image data from a user terminal of said personal computer and providing the image at a to a generation support server, a user at the user terminal being identified by a user ID where a predetermined reference position corresponds to said user ID, the program performing within the generation support server, the steps of:

calculating a distance between the photography location of the image data set and said predetermined reference position, based on the location data;

judging whether the distance is over a predetermined threshold value;

classifying the image data set as one of a vacation album or specific theme album according to the result of judgment;

obtaining, from a storage device and a map database, additional data associated with the classification made for the image data set, the additional data including third party images, spot data that provides descriptions of areas of interest associated with the photography location and audio data associated with the photography location; and

generating the album data according to the result of classification and the image data set and the additional data.

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) ~~A-recording~~The recording medium as defined in claim 16, wherein the program further comprises the procedures of:

generating travel route data, which represents a route taken during the trip, based on the location data attached to the at least one image data set for which the distance is over the predetermined threshold value;

obtaining a map data set that contains the route from a map database which stores a plurality of map data sets, based on the travel route data;

generating photography data which represents that the image data set was obtained at the photography location along the route; and
attaching the photography data to the map data set; wherein

the procedure of generating album data generates album data including the map data set, in which the photography data is correlated with the image data set.

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) ~~A-recording~~The recording medium as defined in claim 16, wherein the program further comprises the procedure of:

obtaining related data, which is related to the photography location of the at least one image data set for which the distance is over the predetermined threshold value, based on the location data attached thereto, from a related data storage means which stores a plurality of related data sets; wherein

the procedure of generating album data generates album data, which includes the related data.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) ~~A-recording~~The recording medium as defined in claim 17, wherein the program further comprises the procedure of:

obtaining related data, which is related to the photography location of the at least one image data set for which the distance is over the predetermined

threshold value, based on the location data attached thereto, from a related data storage means which stores a plurality of related data sets; wherein

the procedure of generating album data generates album data, which includes the related data.

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) ~~A-recording~~The recording medium as defined in claim 16, wherein:

the procedure of generating album data generates album data according to predetermined themes, for the at least one image data set for which the distance is less than or equal to the predetermined threshold value.

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) ~~A-method~~The method for generating an album as defined in claim 1, wherein the predetermined reference position is registered as user data.

Claim 22. (Currently Amended) ~~An-album~~The album generating apparatus as defined in claim 6, wherein the predetermined reference position is registered as user data.

Claim 23. (Canceled)

Claim 24. (Currently Amended) ~~A-recording~~The recording medium as defined in claim 16, wherein the predetermined reference position is registered as user data.

Claim 25. (Previously Presented) The method for generating an album as defined in claim 1, wherein the generated album is transmitted to said personal computer from said generation support server.